

Health Disparities Task Force Meeting |MINUTES

January 26, 2023, / 1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. | Location: Microsoft Teams

Meeting called by:	Division of Health Disparities Elimination	Approximately: 77 ppl
Type of meeting:	Weekly Health Disparities Task Force	
Facilitator:	Elizabeth Hart, Director Office of Faith-Based and Community Engagement	

Motivational Quote: (Elizabeth Hart) “Love recognizes no barriers, it jumps hurdles leaps fences, penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of hope – Maya Angelou

Announcements: (Elizabeth Hart)

- National Spouse Day / Happy Lunar aka (Chinese) New Year
- Please make sure you get your “Flu Shot” at your local health department across the state or your local retail pharmacy. If you have any questions about the flu vaccine, we’re happy to lead you to our Immunization Staff.
- This is the final week of National Blood Donor Month, you can always go to Red Cross to give blood.
- February is “Black History Month” which starts next week and we’re honoring those who made contributions to medicine or public health such as physicians, nurses, medical students, administrative staff, community leaders and/or faith leaders. If you know someone, you would like to nominate please email us, a photo, and a short bio to tdh.ofbce@tn.gov, the deadline date is **Friday, January 27th at 5:00PM.**
- Tennessee State Loan Repayment Program T-SLRP, provide education loan repayments to qualified primary care practitioner in exchange for an initial 2-year service obligation to practice full-time or part-time at an ambulatory public, non-profit or private non-profit primary care site located in a federally designated Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA). Please find application on our website at www.healthdisparity@tn.com, deadline date to apply extended to **Monday, February 20, 2023.**
- The Office of Faith-Based and Community Engagement is highlighting community organizations, every week with the Health Disparities Task Force Meeting, and we’re asking to present an 8 to 10 minute presentation, if anyone would like to highlight your organization, please email us at tdh.ofbce@tn.gov.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

Focus: Health Equity Podcast

Presenter: Elizabeth Hart

Summary: Last year we had an awesome Health Equity Book Series, with phenomenal authors and majority of you really enjoyed it. For those of you just hearing about our healthy equity book series and would like to check it out, please go to our TDH YouTube page. This year, we're pushing the envelope and taking things to the next level with a Health Equity Podcast. It's our goal to get as many people as possible to listen, to provide the help where there's need and get as many people involved in help eliminating health disparities in Tennessee. So, if you have any ideas, thoughts, suggestions, or potential guest you would like us to consider, please email me us at tdh.ofbce@tn.gov, your input is accepted and greatly appreciated.

Focus: Health Disparities Task Force Survey

Presenter: Elizabeth Hart

Summary: For the past several weeks we've been processing the health disparities task force survey, many of you completed at the end of the year 2022. We should have results ready to share next Thursday meeting. The information and what we've seen so far were great feedback along with some folks emailing us with even more informative information, they thought was necessary to expound upon. As we continue to plan every week to have community spotlight, presentations of many different topics, such as TDH Staff presenting from breastfeeding to addiction and opioids, we're also going to do a deliverable and request a recommendation from the task force. This task force was started because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, and we want to submit a final report of recommendations to the Commissioner based on what we've established from the top four priorities which are chronic disease, infectious disease, mental health and environmental health and justice. (Data Group: Teresa Zayas)

Member Comments: Announcements and Upcoming Events

- Registration for TN Statewide Partnerships for Community Health Feb 21st virtual meeting <https://allianthealthgroup.webex.com/allianthealthgroup/j.php?RGID=rb5b9b4c344ef1612e7d47b99e5c1879a>
Meet virtually with Cisco Webex. Anytime, anywhere, on any device. Simple, modern video meetings for everyone on the world's most popular and trusted collaboration platform.

Resources mentioned during call:

- Please share the information with everyone for the HIV meeting www.IASCNAPA.org HOME | Iascnapa – Contact Email Address: Yvonne.carroll@stjude.org
- Community Health Manager at Siloam Health in Nashville. We primarily serve immigrants & refugees.

Chat Box – links / website / events:

Task Force Members Interested in the Top (4) Categories

Chronic Disease

Buelah Oldham
Vonnie Stone
Thomas Bleeker
Teriz Michael
Kathy Robinson
Liz Ferrell
Helping Hands
Julie Clark
Erica Digby
Michelle Hurton
Chelsea Ridley
Yvonne Carroll
Amanda

Infectious Disease

Amanda
Latrice Pichon
Kathy Robinson
Chelsea Ridley
Daneisha Maddix
Tsaka Chambers

Mental Health

Latrice Pichon
Shannon Depont
Julie Clark
Sherrie Booker
Maria Flowers
Tsaka Chambers
Emily Lumley
Latoya Rigsby-Webb
Sumita Keller
Jessie Smotherman
Jamila Batts
LaDonna Merville
Mindy Doyle
Renee W.
Lisa Ragan

Environmental Health & Justice

Nabaweesi Rosemary
Sarah Rainey

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 2, 2023, from 1pm-2pm via Microsoft Teams.

Microsoft Teams Meeting details are as follows:

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